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METHOD, IMAGE INFORMATION  
DISTRIBUTING SYSTEM, CENTRAL  
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SCANNER APPARATUS, AND  
COMPUTER MEMORY PRODUCT

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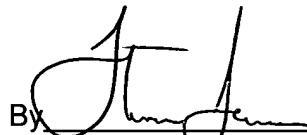
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